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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Paul Falkenstein et al.

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For: FUSED ARRAY PREFORM FABRICATION
OF HOLEY OPTICAL FIBERS

Examiner: Dehghan, Queenie

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

REMARKS

Claims 18-34 are pending in the subject application: claims 18-34 stand rejected.

Applicants extend thanks to the Examiner for conducting an interview on November 29, 2006. At the interview, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the objection to the abstract. The abstract was corrected and made less than 150 words during the last amendment dated 8/9/2006.

Claims 18-30, 31, 33 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Application No. 2004/0050110 to Berkey et al. and in view of United